

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

[0013] FIG. 2 is an assembly drawing of the universal mandrel 10 of the invention. The universal mandrel 10 includes a core mandrel 12 formed generally of a conventional construction, and an adapter sleeve 14. The inside diameter of the adapter sleeve 14 is sized to fit over the core mandrel 12 outside diameter in a snug fit. An interlocking mechanism 16 (Fig. 6) is secured between the core mandrel 12 and the adapter sleeve 14 to prevent the adapter sleeve 14 from rotating relative to the core mandrel 12.

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following amended paragraph:

[0018] The adapter ~~sleeves~~sleeve 14 is additionally constructed for dual use. That is, the thermal expansion of a composite ring being constructed on the mandrel is generally much lower than a metal, and the composite ring is consequently generally interfaced with a higher expansion rate metal component (rather than another composite component). The inclusion of the adapter sleeve 14 as part of the wound composite can facilitate an interface connection with another metallic component and/or provide an intermediate expansion rate medium to "buffer" a large thermal mismatch between the composite component and the interfaced metallic component. See, for example, FIG. 3.